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| THOMAS J. BOYCE,  Plaintiff,                               | :      | DATE FILED: <u>12/16/2019</u>                  |
| -against-  | :      | 19 Civ. 8976 (LGS)                             |
| VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Defendant.                   | :<br>: | <u>ORDER</u>                                   |
| LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:                        | X      |  |

WHEREAS, the initial pretrial conference in this matter is scheduled for December 19, 2019;

WHEREAS, no significant issues were raised in the parties' joint letter or proposed case management plan; it is hereby

ORDERED that the December 19, 2019, initial pretrial conference is CANCELLED. If the parties believe that a conference would nevertheless be useful, they should inform the court immediately so the conference can be reinstated. The case management plan and scheduling order will issue in a separate order. The parties' attention is particularly directed to the provisions for periodic status letters, and the need for a pre-motion letter to avoid cancellation of the final conference and setting of a trial date. It is further

**ORDERED** that if Defendant(s) seek to file a motion to dismiss, they shall file a premotion letter pursuant to Individual Rules III.A.1 and III.C.2. It is further

**ORDERED**, regarding settlement discussions, if and when the parties are ready to proceed with a settlement conference with the assigned Magistrate Judge or mediation in the Court's mediation program, they shall file a joint letter on ECF requesting a referral.

The parties should be aware that the Court does not extend the deadlines for fact and expert discovery absent compelling circumstances.

Dated: December 16, 2019 New York, New York

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD

United States District Judge